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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Christmas Shopping - Easy!

By the Editor

Take Five Minutes Now, Then Relax — If You Send Subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD!

Why not kill your worries about most of your Christmas gift obligations by sitting down now, and in five minutes arranging to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every family on your Christmas gift list? Your gifts will do more good and bring real Christian blessing in the homes. It is the birthday of the Lord Jesus we are celebrating, remember? It will take less time and fret. It will cost less money than anything of comparable interest and value. You won't have to buffet the crowds, hurrying from store to store trying to select something suitable and within your means.

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3. *A new Christmas gift every week in the year!* That is what

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## The Occasions of Thanksgiving

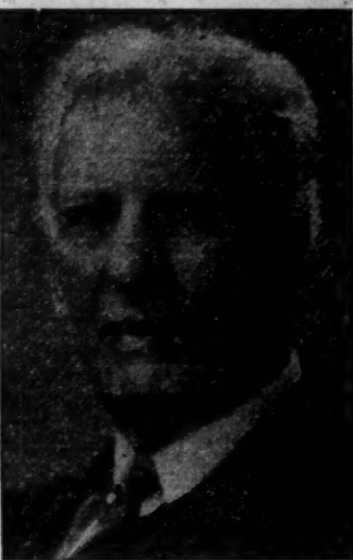
By the Late Dr. W. B. Riley  
(Sermon Preached on Thanksgiving Day.)

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord."—Psalm 147.

Thanksgiving is one of the most ancient of customs. In fact, it is altogether probable that Adam and Eve were not unmindful of the favor of God, nor silent in the autumn season when the fruits of the earth so eloquently proclaimed His grace. Americans may imagine that the custom of Thanksgiving Day originated with the Plymouth pilgrims in 1621; that it was made official when

George Washington proclaimed Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day of national thanksgiving, and perennial when Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, established the last Thursday in November as the date on which the people should assemble in their churches and acknowledge the "grace of God" as manifested in the abundant fruits of field and forest.

But all this is modern enough! We know that an oriental custom of Thanksgiving existed even back of Israel's day and throughout the Old Testament. This custom is referred to again and again and the feast of tabernacles became its official and annual recognition. It is not improbable that some of these later psalms were written by David as the songs of praise expressing the thankfulness of the people in these annual occasions. If so, they were certainly well-adapted, and combined in one production all that now belongs to



Dr. W. B. Riley

both sermon and anthem, characterizing the same occasion. The almost infinite variety revealed in the grace of God is shown in the various objects treated in these anthems of praise.

There is a similarity between all the Psalms 145 to 150 inclusive, but there is also extensive variety, due to the fact that no one of them was sufficient in length to voice the multiplied favors from above. In this 147th, David does what the energetic director of music often voices. He calls, as if to a choir, once, twice, thrice, "Sing! sing! sing!" He sings of God's great power! He sings of God's abundant provision! He sings of God's universal providence!

### God's Great Power

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God" (Psa. 147:1). It certainly is! He is worthy! Few things give greater joy than praise when it comes from a heart happy in the Lord, and deserved praise is comely. The first portion of the hymn is based on what follows in verses 3 to 6. His power is revealed in His exceeding grace.

"The Lord doth build up Jerusalem" (Continued on page 4)

## Why Jesus Christ Came Into The World

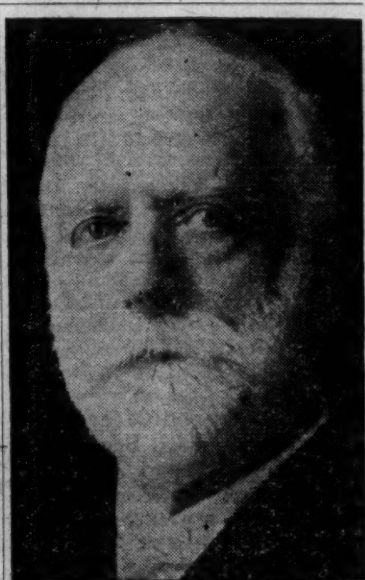
By Dr. R. A. Torrey

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."—I Tim. 1:15.

Our subject tonight is one that has engaged the thoughtful and earnest attention for years not only of theologians but also of sociologists, historians, political philosophers and reformers. Some tell us that "Christ Jesus came into the world to proclaim the great truths of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Others say that "Christ Jesus came into the world to carry to completion God's original thought in the creation of man." Still others tell us that "He came into the world to reorganize society on new lines, to establish a new form of human society, the kingdom of God on earth." Not a few tell us that "Jesus Christ came into the world simply as the proclaimer of new ethical principles by which men were to mould their lives."

But there is no need that we speculate or guess or argue as to why Jesus Christ came into the world; for God Himself has seen fit to tell us in the most plain and explicit words just why Jesus Christ came into this world. You will find God's own statement of why Jesus Christ came into the world in I Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." No one can mistake the meaning of those words. Listen again: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

When we stop to reflect upon the exact meaning and full force of this statement, it will seem incredible. These words unmistakably declare that it was an interest in sinners, in the vile outcast, in rebels against God, in blasphemers,



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persecutors, prejurors, thieves, robbers, harlots, thugs, bandits, murderers, that induced the glorious Son of God to leave Heaven's joy and glories and to come down into this world. And these words furthermore tell us that Christ Jesus came into the world not to punish sinners as the holy executioner of God's wrath against sin, nor to study them as a great philosopher. No, no; He came to save them. Does it look credible that the Son of God should step down from the throne of His glory, lay that infinite glory aside, consent to enter this world through the lowly door of Bethlehem's manger and leave it through the shameful and dreadful door of Calvary's Cross to save sinners? No wonder that Paul felt it necessary to preface this astounding statement with the words, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance." Paul well knew that philosophers and thinking men generally would not be ready to accept this statement of the purpose of the coming of that infinitely glorious person, Jesus Christ, into this world, and therefore he will call their attention to the fact that as incredible as this statement appears to be, it was God's own word and therefore worthy of man's unquestioning and absolute confidence and of all acceptance. Yes, this is why Christ Jesus came into the world, this is the great central purpose of His coming, to save sinners. "Christ Jesus

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## "The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving"

By the Editor

This is Thanksgiving time. It will be a time of feasting, of visiting, of celebration. Let us see that it is a Bible kind of Thanksgiving, by making it a time of sacrificial giving also. In Leviticus 7:11 to 13, God gave the Jews instruction about gifts to God on Thanksgiving, "And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he shall offer unto the Lord. If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried. Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace-offerings."

The Jew was to offer an animal to be sacrificed as a "sacrifice of thanksgiving." With it he was to give unleavened cakes, which pictured Jesus, the Bread of Life, the sinless One. But he was to offer also with his offering "leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving," because while the thanksgiving offering was to remind him of the perfect Saviour, the Bread from Heaven, it was also to offer himself, poor and weak and evil as we are, to God. The leaven pictures imperfection and

evil, which all of us have, except Christ.

In Psalm 50:14 and 15, are a commandment and a promise: "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

It is proper to give God thanksgiving. It is good to feast on Thanksgiving Day and be glad in our hearts for the bountiful har-

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# Noteworthy NEWS Notes

## Word of Life Hour Broadcast on WJZ

The Word of Life Hour expands again as it moves to Radio Station WJZ, New York key station of the ABC Radio network. The first broadcast took place Saturday, November 1st, and will be heard every Saturday night at 7:30 P.M. Earlier this fall another big step was taken when the program took on 26 stations of the Yankee Network of New England. The Word of Life broadcast is now aired throughout the world.

Concentrating on a ten-month evangelistic effort in the New England area, Jack Wyrzten, director of the Word of Life Fellowship of New York City, reports that the campaign is off to a good start with 709 decisions for Christ in the first four weeks in Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont. Jack spends the week days in meetings in New England, coming back to New York City for the Saturday night Word of Life rallies in Times Square and weekend meetings in the surrounding area.

## YFC Appoints Peter Quist to Magazine Staff

Peter Quist of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been named office manager of Youth for Christ International and circulation and advertising manager of the Youth for Christ Magazine, according to an announcement from Executive Director Ted W. Engstrom.

Quist will supervise the Chicago office of Youth for Christ International, which now has spread to 78 countries, and handle the circulation and advertising of the growing Youth for Christ Magazine.

## Tom Watson Makes Application for Korean Radio License

SEOUL, Korea—If the vision of a former radio station owner-manager from Florida is realized, the Gospel of the Prince of Peace may soon penetrate Iron Curtain countries by super-power standard-band radio from war-torn Korea.

Youthful Tom Watson, Jr., once vice-president of the Florida Association of Broadcasters who was converted while managing his own South Florida commercial radio station, has filed an application with the Korean Ministry of Public Information, asking for permission to establish in Pusan a 100,000 watt broadcasting station which would "furnish an evangelistic ministry to the lost men and women of areas such as North Korea, Manchuria and China, who have no other opportunity to learn of Jesus Christ." The station would also broadcast the Gospel

in the Japanese language, beaming a strong signal toward Japan.

Watson sold out his interest in the Florida station a year and a half ago and went to Japan as a missionary with The Evangelical Alliance Mission. While there, he has divided his time between a preaching and teaching ministry, and the production of a chain of Gospel radio broadcasts for Japanese radio stations in conjunction with the Pacific Orient Broadcasting Company, a missionary radio organization.

At the presidential palace in Seoul, President Syngman Rhee told Watson, "I will do everything I can to make it possible for you to set up this station. It will be a great help, not only to the Koreans, but all the Oriental countries where Christianity is needed to combat Communism."

Watson yielded his life to the Lord for fulltime service at the Sword of the Lord Soulwinning Conference at Toccoa, Ga., two years ago.

## Degree Conferred Upon John E. Brown, Jr.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon John E. Brown, Jr., president of John Brown University, October 12, 1952. The award was made by Dr. Sam Sutherland, on behalf of the directors of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc.

Brown, now just thirty, had become "America's youngest university president" upon his elevation, in 1948, to head the institution founded twenty-nine years earlier by his father, a widely-acclaimed evangelist.

The John Brown Schools, Inc., which Dr. John E. Brown, Sr. still serves as chairman of the board, operates five school units, two of which are located in Arkansas, three in California. President John E. Brown, Jr. has direct responsibility for the operation of the university, while his father spends a large portion of his time in directing affairs in California.

In receiving the degree, Brown said, "I count this honor not so much as to me personally as to the great schools I am privileged to serve."

## Bible School by Correspondence

If people cannot come to Moody Bible Institute to study, then this world-famed Bible school goes to them via the mail-bag route. To date more than 160,000 students have enrolled in home-study Bible courses provided by its correspondence school.

Heading the list as the six most

# Subscription Offer Closes January 15!

## THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Back home for a few brief days in Wheaton, I am glad to greet friends from my office. Don't forget, all mail for the Sword of the Lord and the editor goes to 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

## A Blessed, Blessed Revival!

Eighteen months ago God gave us a wonderful revival at Moncton, New Brunswick. In fifteen days, we had 454 professions of faith, as I recall, in the high school auditorium. Urged to return, I did so with fear and trembling. But God gave us another gracious revival. In the closing Sunday's afternoon services there were 19 professions of faith; and according to my count, there were an even 50 professions of faith in the closing evening service. What an outpouring of God's power! The high school auditorium was filled. Chairs were put in the orchestra pit, in the wings; and then the gymnasium behind the platform was filled with chairs from two churches. They were all filled and some stood in the entrance of the auditorium throughout the service. I suppose there were between 1,700 and 2,000 people in that service. Of the converts I recall only two children. Most of those saved were adults, many with gray hair. One man saved Sunday night had been singing in the Highfield Baptist Church choir for thirty years! Another man saved wrote me a note saying, "I've been a drinking man for thirty years, but all that is past now, thank God." He had trusted Christ as Saviour. I do not have the exact report, but I figured some 344 public professions of faith.

Catholics were saved, Anglicans, people from the United Church of

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Go ahead and send in any subscriptions you have, at the rate of three years for \$5. If you are not ready yet to claim the premium you want, simply ask for a credit slip and then later you can send in credit slips for the premium when you are ready to claim the useful and beautiful premium you desire.

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scriptions will be a straight \$2 a year, instead of the special campaign of three subscriptions for \$5. So, plan now to get subscriptions, have them in on time, and claim your premium.

Have you brought the matter of subscriptions up in your church? In many churches the pastor would gladly make announcements from the pulpit, and you can give out sample copies of THE SWORD and ask people to subscribe. Or Sunday School classes, missionary societies, and other groups may help to get subscriptions and thus secure a library for the church or Sunday School, a duplicating machine, a sound motion picture projector, or songbooks, or other useful premiums, which could be used by the church. But better work at it now!

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## On to Denver

Canada, old and hardened sinners. Three nights busloads came from Havelock, some thirty-five miles away; and in each case many from the bus were saved. I think there must have been over thirty saved from that community, thirty-five miles away, in those three nights! Every night visitors were from far away, even from the province of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, from St. John (ninety miles away) from Fredrickton, and elsewhere. The influence of the campaign was province-wide.

How I have been rejoicing in the Scripture, "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..." (II Cor. 2:14). Of the co-operating churches, only one is located in Moncton proper. The large churches of the city are modernistic. The Highfield Baptist Church, second Baptist church in size and membership in the city, was heartily in the meeting with its pastor. Some half-dozen suburban churches co-operated. But the crowds came, the power of God fell upon us; and there was genuine repentance and blessed revival.

Mrs. Rice and I arrived from Moncton by air on Monday night. Miss Viola Walden, the secretary, came by train, brought extra baggage, left Sunday afternoon and arrived Tuesday morning. We will be in the offices in Wheaton until noon Friday. Then we must drive to Denver for the great Sword of the Lord Rocky Mountain Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Beth Eden Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, November 9 to 16. Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. D. A. McCall, Evangelist Ed Nelson, and others will help me in that big conference. Then I'll be preaching two weeks in a revival campaign in large Beth-Eden Baptist Church. Then one night's engagement, December 3, with the Regional Conference of the National Association of Evangelicals at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Then, thank God, I will be at home through most of December. How wonderful to see my family, to rest in my own bed at night, to work at my own desk, catch up on mail, and do other things so greatly needed in the promotion and supervision of this tremendous work in Wheaton.

## Dr. Bob Jones Returns From World-Wide Tour

My beloved friend and brother, Evangelist Bob Jones, Sr., founder of Bob Jones University, has returned from a tour of the mission fields of the world, and has a glorious story to tell. Unfortunately, there is no room in this issue, so look for it next week.

## Will You Help Lift These Burdens?

I leave the work at Wheaton reluctantly. By December 1, we must have \$5,000 to pay on the new building. Then we need money to make up the deficit of some \$1,200 total in the last two months on the Building Fund, plus some promotional expense for the Building Fund. The Lord will help us, I know. But God's way of helping is to touch the hearts of Christians who ought to help. Will you do what you can, great or small, for the Sword Building Fund? We are doing our best here.

And very dear to my heart is the Subscription Campaign. I believe God wants THE SWORD OF THE LORD to reach a million paid circulation. That means that thousands must help get subscriptions. I urge pastors, evangelists, defenders of the faith, all who are concerned about soul winning and revival and the fundamentals of the Christian faith to help me spread THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Will you send your subscriptions soon? We are especially anxious that Christmas gift subscriptions be sent early, so the enormous load of mail can be handled properly, and on time. Please help us by sending your subscriptions as soon as possible!

## Christmas Program Helps

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## Capitol Records Newest Recording Artist



Newest recording artist for Capitol Records is Redd Harper, singing member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, best known for his role of "Mr. Texas" in the Graham color movie of the same name.

Redd has an unusual contract with Capitol in that he reserves the right to select or approve all popular sacred numbers he will record. Also his contract provides that he may select musicians from the religious field for all music at recording sessions.

For almost a year Harper has been on tour appearing at religious gatherings, a majority of which have been showings of "Mr.

Texas" or Youth For Christ rallies.

Before joining the Graham organization he had a radio program on Armed Forces Radio Service, transcribed in Hollywood for rebroadcast overseas to a potential audience of 90,000,000.

Redd is a native of the range country of Texas and was born in Nacona. He attended University of Oklahoma and majored in journalism and later music. He was a member of Oklahoma's original "Sooners" band, and later a drum major in the ROTC band at the University.

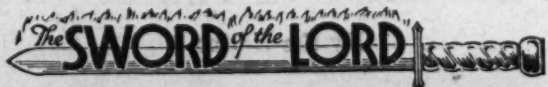
Redd's first Capitol release is "My God Is Real" and "Our Thanks To Thee," which has just been shipped to Capitol distributors and dealer outlets coast to coast. Company officials say another record will follow soon.

## C.B.M.C. Elects Officers

The Christian Business Men's Committee International met in the 15th annual convention at Atlantic City on October 16 with 1200 delegates. Chairman Arnold Grunigen, Jr. of San Francisco, was succeeded by Waldo Yeager of Toledo as International Chairman, with Theo. E. McCully of Milwaukee, vice-chairman; Don F. McKechnie of Ottawa, secretary-treasurer. Chicago had the first Christian Business Men's Committee organized by shoe dealer Bennie Hedstrom, earnest soul winner and beloved friend of the editor, now in Heaven. Since that time the movement has spread to principal cities in America, England, Canada, with a fine fundamental testimony and soul-winning emphasis.

## Van Kampen Offers Missionary Book Package

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# REVIVAL FOR SURVIVAL

By Evangelist Eddie Wagner  
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"Revive me."—Psa. 138:7.  
"Revive us."—Psa. 85:6.  
"Revive thy work."—Hab. 3:2.

Revival is our greatest need today. Every Christian needs to be revived. Every home needs revival. Every church needs revival. Every city needs revival. Our nation is in sad need of revival, and the entire world is in need of a mighty Heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival. We must have a revival if we are to survive. And this revival must begin in the heart of every Christian.

## The Person Needs Revival

"Revive me" (Psa. 138:7) should be the heart-cry of every Christian in this sad, critical hour. It must be a personal revival. When we talk about revival, most of us try to blame the churches and the modernism, when we know that what we need is for the Holy Spirit to show us our own condition in the sight of God. "Revive me" is a personal matter.

Read the personal prayer of David in Psalm 51, then apply it to your own life. Thirty-five times in the first sixteen verses the personal pronoun "I," "me," or "my" is used. Look at some of them: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. THEN will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee." When there is a personal revival, and the individual heart and life is cleansed before the Lord, THEN souls will be saved.

Have you prayed that personal prayer, "Revive me"? It will make a real difference in your life when you pray a prayer like that and really mean it in your life. In nearly all of my revival meetings we use the little chorus, "Send a great revival in my soul," as one of our theme choruses. Can you really mean the words of that song?

"Send a great revival in my soul;  
Send a great revival in my soul.  
Let the Holy Spirit come and take control;  
And send a great revival in my soul."

Oh, how we need to pray a prayer like that, and let the Lord have His way in our lives. We personally need a revival.

Not only does the person need revival, but

## The People Need Revival

Notice the Word of God says, "Revive us" (Psa. 85:6). And that could well be applied to our nation today. We sing the song,

"Revive us again, fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above."

"Revive us again" but how much of it do we mean as a nation? We can talk about our Atomic or Hydrogen bombs and our jet planes and an all-out warfare against the ungodly, atheistic, Communism, but the thing that we need most in our own United States is a real revival, one from the Lord Himself.

As a nation, we have forsaken God and turned our backs on the Lord Jesus Christ. We have turned the Bibles out of the government affairs, and kicked the Bible out of the schools. Even the churches are preaching everything but the Word of the Lord, and the homes have been founded on false security instead of the Bible. Oh, how we need revival in our nation today!

Read the following figures given by J. Edgar Hoover of the F. B. I. in an article on America's Spiritual Plight:

"People spend eight times more hours at the movies than at Sunday School.

"Only one out of twelve persons in our country attends church;



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seven out of eight children quit church and Sunday School attendance before they reach fifteen years of age.

"Fifteen million 'sex' magazines are printed monthly and read by one-third of the American People.

"ONE MILLION American girls have venereal disease.

"One hundred thousand girls disappear EVERY YEAR into White slavery.

"One million illegitimate babies are born annually.

"Our nation harbors three times as many criminals as college students.

"A major crime is committed every twenty-two seconds; an aggravated assault of rape every hour; a murder every forty minutes.

"There are sixty suicides in our nation daily.

"Two out of three adults, both men and women, SMOKE.

"Three out of ten who start as light drinkers, end up drunkards.

"As a nation we spend about seven hundred fifty dollars on pleasure, sins, cosmetics and amusements to every dollar given to foreign missions.

"READ, PRAY, WEEP, as you consider America's dreadful spiritual PLIGHT." And you must agree that with such conditions in our nation today, the only remedy is a mighty Heaven-sent revival that will turn our faces from our sins to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Revive us." We need revival, but REVIVAL will cost something. It will cost the individual something. It will cost the churches something. It will cost the nation something. And it will cost our entire world something. When we see our condition as the Lord sees it, and be willing to turn from our sins and turn to Christ, then we will have the revival that we so badly need, and which we must have if we are to survive.

Not only does the person need a revival, and the people need a revival but

the church program needs revival

"Revive thy work" (Hab. 3:2), should be the cry of every Christian today, and especially the churches. In a lot of the churches today the Bible is a forgotten Book, and the preacher is preaching little sermonettes, and the church is having their rag sales, soup suppers, bazaars, and no telling what else, while men and women are dying all around them and going to Hell. We are sadly in need of a revival of the program in most churches. The work of the Lord should be done in the Lord's way.

I remember being a member of

## Was the "Wine" that Jesus Made Intoxicating?

By John Lindsay

I cannot believe that the "wine" made by our Lord Jesus for use at the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee was fermented and intoxicating, as some claim. It is well known that two kinds of wine were used in Palestine and such Eastern countries, one of these being the fresh juice of the grape as drawn from the wine-press. This fresh grape juice is invigorating and stimulating, but is not intoxicating. A noted traveler in such countries tells us that the juice of grapes, used fresh, or after being boiled down, is in com-

a certain church before I was saved, and one day the preacher used for his sermon a review of the picture show, "Gone with the Wind." Because I had missed it, I asked him to present the same thing to the Young People's department the following Sunday night. I had charge of 25 or 30 teen-age young people, or rather had charge of the program for that Sunday, and at my request, the preacher gave a review of the picture show, "Gone with the Wind." That was our program for that Sunday. No wonder that people are dying and going to Hell right in the churches, with a program like that. The words "church member" are used so loosely today that most people think that just because they are church members that that gives them a ticket to Heaven. But let me give you some estimated figures about "church members" that should make everyone of us blush with shame. Notice the following:

### SOME INTERESTING ESTIMATED FIGURES ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES:

- 5% Do not exist;
- 10% Cannot be found;
- 20% Never pray;
- 30% Never go to church;
- 40% Never read the Bible;
- 60% Never go to church on Sunday;
- 70% Never bear any kind of church responsibility;
- 80% Never attend prayer meeting;
- 90% Never have family worship;
- 95% Never win a soul to Christ.

And then we stand up saying that our churches are all right, and that we do not need a revival. It is no wonder the Lord would have us "revive thy work." The program in most churches today is centered around education, and neglecting the main purpose that the Lord intended the church to do—that was, and still is, to go out and win the lost to Christ. A soul-winning church is a growing church. And a church that is not interested in winning lost people to Christ is not worth the powder it would take to blow it up. The last command given by the Lord Jesus Christ is found in Matthew 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore, and teach [or make believers]—Get them saved—all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And that command should be carried out in that order. 1. Win people to Christ; 2. Baptize them, and 3. Teach them the commands of the Lord. And a church that is not carrying out that command, in that order, is not doing what the Lord Jesus meant for a church to do. And the only remedy for the sad situation in our churches today is a revival that will turn the hearts of those in the pulpits and those in the pews, to the Lord Jesus Christ, and forsake their sins, and give their best for Him who gave all for us.

It's revival or ruin, and we must have revival for survival. And it must come today. God grant that we shall see a revival in our lives, in our churches and in our nation.

mon use there, and he found that this sweet, non-intoxicating wine was esteemed as being the best wine.

The other kind of wine is made from grape juice that has been exposed to the air for a time, and has fermented and become intoxicating.

It is unthinkable that our Lord would make intoxicating wine in the face of the interdictions concerning it in the Bible. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright [ferments], at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:31,32).

Jesus could never be a party to risk turning a wedding feast into a drunken carousal. Little wonder it was said to be the "good" (or best) wine, for it was the freshest and purest and best ever made, because of Him who made it. Was Jesus at all likely to use pure water to make a fermented and intoxicating drink?

The priests were forbidden to use fermented wines when they entered the Holy Place in the old tabernacle (Leviticus 10:9), (Ezekiel 44:21), and the use of leavened bread at the old passover feasts was also prohibited (Numbers 9:11), (Exodus 12:17-20), nei-

ther was leavened bread used at our Lord's last supper (Mark 14:1). Why? Because leaven (or yeast) means decomposition, decay and rottenness. That was why God commanded the Israelites to eat nothing with leaven in it at the time of the passover, under penalty of death. (See Exodus 12:17-20.) And for the same reason, I believe that fermented wine was not used at the Lord's last supper, because it contains the same principle of decay and corruption as leaven (or yeast). It is therefore more than absurd to claim that our Lord sanctioned the use of fermented and therefore intoxicating wine at that supper which was held in remembrance of the old passover; or that He made or used it at the wedding at Cana, or at any other place or time.

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## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

This is being written on October 27. If I live three days longer, I will be sixty-nine years old. As many of our friends know, I have been preaching the Gospel for over fifty-four years, having begun just before I was fifteen years old. Through all these years, I have been sticking to my job of getting the Gospel of the grace of God to the most people possible in the shortest time possible. I have always known that "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." I have also known it is our duty to preach the Gospel. I, however, like most preachers who attended college, had instilled into me more or less of an academic approach. It took a long time to get educated out of me some of the things that were educated into me. In recent years I have realized as never before that the academic approach to the Gospel program has hindered the work of soul winning in this land as well as in other lands. It is the Gospel itself, not in an academic mold or with a college diploma tied around it, that gives power to the message. It is the Gospel itself that is the power of God unto salvation. This Gospel has been hindered in our modern world because so many preachers have been taught to overemphasize the educational approach rather than the Gospel approach. Paul was an educated man. He used his training to make his contacts. Then he used the Gospel to get people saved.

I have recently been around the world; and under twelve flags, I preached the simple Gospel through an interpreter. I preached it to all types of people. Many of these people had never heard it before. We had practically the same response in every country. I found no difference between Moslems, Armenians, Hindus, or any other group. Wherever we preached the Gospel, people listened and were saved. In one service after simply telling the Gospel story through an interpreter, there were from 250 to 400 clear-cut, definite decisions for Christ.

I found on every foreign mission field certain missionaries who always talked about a follow-up work, and I found that the ones who talk the most about this have less to follow up. I told the missionaries that no man is fit to follow up the converts of another man unless he himself has some converts of his own to follow up.

I came back to Bob Jones University with an absolute assurance in my heart that the approach of this institution to the Christian work in America and in foreign lands is the right approach. Millions of people can be saved in the next five years if the Lord tarries, in all parts of the world if a Gospel crusade is carried on. Approx-

mately two hundred Bob Jones University missionaries in many lands are proclaiming the Gospel and getting people saved. We have approximately six hundred missionary students in our University right now. If the Lord tarries, we are going to send out hundreds of missionaries in the next few years; and they are going to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. I wish I could tell our friends something about the work that is being done in Japan and in other countries by Bob Jones University students.

Now, we want you people who believe in the Gospel emphasis for which Bob Jones University stands to send financial contributions to this school as fast as you can get them here. Fifty cents of every dollar will be put into our Student Help Fund and will be used exclusively for the training of missionary students, and the other fifty cents of the dollar will be sent to the foreign field to get the Gospel out. We have already pledged about \$10,000 to Japan for work that is being set up immediately. We are dealing with the other countries now about plans to get the Gospel out in these countries. Now, if you Christian people want to put some money in a Gospel crusade, we are offering you the opportunity. We will find some way to get every cent of the missionary money that comes into this school to the foreign field without wasting one penny. We know where to put it and how to spend it. We have had experience during all these years. We have studied the different fields. We know what to do. Now, help us do it, please. Now is the time. The doors are going to close. It is our opinion that the Lord is coming soon. Maybe He is giving us the last chance to get the Gospel of His saving grace to the hungry hearted people in all lands. Please pray for us here at Bob Jones University. Pray for Bob, Jr., in his heavy responsibilities as president, and pray for him in his evangelistic work. Pray for me that if it is the Lord's will, He will give me strength to carry on for a few wonderful years if He tarries. I believe He has given me a vision of the need on the mission field and how to meet that need in the most effective way at this time. I am going to give a big part of my attention to the missionary program. Now, if you will pray for us and send in the money, we will do all we can, God helping us, without any idea of personal, human gain and with no selfishness back of what we are doing. We are counting on you. Let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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## WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

A former Bob Jones University student, now **EVANGELIST WIL-LARD WYATT** of Atlanta, Georgia, recently held a revival, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The pastor, a former classmate, Rev. C. J. Ickes, writes that the evangelist preached some of the most powerful messages he had ever heard, and that a blessed revival was felt throughout the community. Souls were saved, backsliders were reclaimed. Mr. Ickes states, "His visitation in the homes was such a challenge . . . he works all day long at it, too."

Brother Ickes who is now serving on the revival committee, "Christ for Greater Johnstown," writes in the midst of another blessed revival being held by Evangelist T. W. Wilson. Well over 150 were saved the first week, it is reported.

**REV. BEN A. BYRD, JR.** of 2010 Union Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, has felt a definite call to the field of evangelism after four years as pastor in Georgia. Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of the great Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, says of Brother Byrd: "This young man is true to the Word of God, compassionate of heart, and humble in spirit. He preaches with fervor and conviction the great doctrines of the Bible. He is a personal soul winner. He understands the problems of the pastorate. It is a pleasure to recommend Brother Byrd to you with a sincere prayer that he may be widely used in the evangelistic field. If you desire further information about him, feel free to write to me."

Evangelist Byrd is a graduate of Furman University, had a year of Seminary work before entering his first pastorate. Those interested may contact him for open dates. He is willing to work in churches large or small.

**EVANGELIST BENNY BATES** of West Covina, California, recently was the evangelist in a united campaign at Hermiston, Oregon. Although the revival was only for six days, yet Brother Bates reports "There must have been a hundred or more who answered the invitation during that time."

**EVANGELIST L. E. STITH**, 429 North Chapman, Shawnee, Oklahoma, has completed three revivals since he entered the evangelistic field full time after pastoring the First Baptist Church of Henryetta, Oklahoma, for four years. The most recent campaign was held in the First Baptist Church, Idabel, Oklahoma, where Rev. John Strutton is the pastor. In these three campaigns 48 people were saved, 42 joined the churches by letter, 25 backsliders were reclaimed and 4 volunteered for missionary work.

Large crowds attended **EVANGELIST JOE ARNETT'S** revival campaign in the West Overland Community Church, Overland, Missouri, October 5-19. Backsliders came back into fellowship with the Lord and saints were revived. The pastor of the church is Rev. Earl Hanson.

Rev. John L. Bray, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clewiston, Florida, reports a time of real blessing in his church with **EVANGELIST ELWIN R. ANDERSON** of Jacksonville, Florida. Many were saved during the twelve days of meetings. Twelve converts joined the church by baptism; 4 others joined by letter. The pastor reports many rededications during the meetings also.

A revival campaign was recently closed in Shambaugh, Iowa, with **EVANGELIST RALPH M. DAVIDSON**. In the meetings, 13 were saved, 20 rededicated their

lives to the Lord, and over 25 Christians gave themselves for personal evangelism. On the closing day, October 19, sixteen were baptized. Rev. Russell Wilson is the pastor of the church.

**EVANGELIST F. A. WIRTH** writes telling of a good meeting in the First Baptist Church, Manchester, Illinois. Several came for salvation, two being men 88 years old. Others promised to start family altars. The pastor is Rev. Garfield Rogers.

**EVANGELIST CHARLES E. BRAY**, of Reidsville, North Carolina, with a tent sixty feet by one hundred and twenty, writes saying, "The Lord gave me and my party a wonderful summer for His glory. Our first two meetings were in Hampton, Virginia, and Goldsboro, North Carolina, respectively. Our best meeting by far was the final summer city wide revival in Kinston, North Carolina, where we saw over three hundred come to Jesus Christ for salvation. Many nights the tent was overflowing with those yearning to hear the Word. Even when a large circus set up only one block from us, the Lord still gave us victory by giving us a full tent that night."

**REV. J. D. CARLSON**, former minister of the Avenue Road Church in Toronto, Canada, and composer of song, "If You Want Joy," whose entrance into evangelistic work was announced in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, reports a wonderful summer and early autumn season of blessed soul-winning campaigns. Mrs. Carlson assisted in the meetings, playing the marimba and piano which is a feature of the musical programs presented nightly in the Carlson campaigns.

In Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, the Youth for Christ organization sponsored a two-week effort in which the churches of the city cooperated. The services were held in the Memorial Auditorium. The attendance was wonderful and best of all, many were won to Christ. It was generally believed these were the most largely attended services ever held in a two-week period in this area.

God also blessed in the campaign in Norfolk, Virginia, which was held in the newly-constructed modern, air-conditioned Tabernacle Church. Great were the blessings of the Lord upon this campaign.

For two weeks Rev. Carlson was in Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania, where the Christian Business Men's Committee sponsored a two-week Crusade for Christ. What a thrill to see the large tent filled as the Crusade reached the closing services!

In Watertown, New York, the Youth for Christ Organization, assisted by local churches, held a two-week campaign. Here again Rev. Carlson's messages resulted in decisions for Christ and blessing for the Christian people.

As this report is sent in, a two-week Union campaign in Sidney, Montana, has just been completed. There again the people filled the auditorium and many came to Christ.

(Editor's Note—If anyone wishes to contact Rev. J. D. Carlson for evangelistic campaigns, his address is — 2304 Emerson Ave. North, Minneapolis, Minn.)

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## The Occasions of Thanksgiving

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lem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds" (Psa. 147:2,3).

The first favor from the Lord is not material prosperity. Men often so imagine. Due to men's shortsightedness and selfishness, they often so imagine, but experience proves the contrary. "Grace" is better than gifts. "Mercy" exceeds favor. "Healing" is above riches, and the binding of "the broken heart" is more to be desired than big harvests.

In fact, it is doubtful if any man or woman has ever come into the truest favor from the Lord, who falls short of experiencing a sense of His care, the deep consciousness of His grace. The poet put first things first when he wrote:

What can it mean? Is it ought to Him  
That the nights are long and  
the days are dim?  
Can He be touched by the  
griefs I bear,  
Which sadden the heart and whiten  
the hair?  
Around His throne are eternal  
calms,  
And strong, glad music of  
happy psalms,  
And bliss unruffled by any strife,  
How can He care for my life?

Oh, wonderful story of deathless  
love!  
Each child is dear to that heart  
above;  
He fights for me when I cannot  
fight,  
He comforts me in the gloom of  
night.  
He lifts the burden, for He is  
strong,  
He stills the sigh and awakens  
the song;

The sorrow that bowed me down  
He bears,  
And loves and pardons because  
He cares.

Let all who are sad take heart  
again,  
We are not alone in our hour of  
pain;  
Our Father stoops from His  
throne above  
To soothe and quiet us with His  
love:  
He leaves us not when the storm  
is high,

And we have safety, for He  
is nigh.  
Can it be trouble which He doth  
share?

Oh, rest in peace, for the Lord  
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The first New Testament proclamation was, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." This is Heaven's message, and Heaven states its first concern—saving sinners! This is God's Word by His angel, and God makes no mistakes! What is your first concern, and mine? What is the first concern of your church and of your

denomination? Is it the same as Heaven's stated first concern—Matthew 1:21?

In the Gospel of Matthew the first command of Jesus was for John the Baptist to baptize Him (Matt. 3:13-17). The next command of Jesus was to Satan, "Get thee hence" (Matt. 4:10). The third proclamation by Jesus was, "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). This has to do with an inner experience. Is that all? No! The fourth proclamation follows! It is the first in the way of marching orders, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19).

It is "come" that you may "go"!

In these words by Jesus no room is left for doubt in the minds of honest followers. Dishonest follow-

ers may disobey or deny! Sincere believers today, as always, will make their chief concern "getting out His Gospel."

What is the chief concern of Jesus? Let Him tell us. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Are you Christ-like? Is the seeking and saving of the lost your main business? ARE you a Christian? Zacchaeus has just been saved—proof positive.

In parable Jesus tells us of His first business. Read Luke 15. Some folks seem to think they are busier than was Jesus. They haven't time to win souls—get out the Gospel! They must do "church work," "build denominational fires," cook pies and arrange lettuce leaves for the ladies mission tea—no time to get out the Gospel. Some folks seem bigger than Jesus. It was all right for Jesus to stoop to win souls—they are in the big business of making money, playing politics, "running" the church and denomination. It takes "big men" for such work (?)

The Spirit in the Gospel of John tells us what Jesus worked at most. In John 7 He is winning and saving people. In John 3 He is telling one person (Nicodemus) and the world how to be saved. In John 4 He is winning one and then many; and so it goes.

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**Say "Thank You" in Deeds**

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Remember? Ten lepers were cleansed by Jesus. Only one came back to say thank you. We let a man supposedly in need in Chicago have several dollars. All we asked was for him to call within a few days to let us know how he was getting along. The call never came. He just came begging for more. He didn't get it!

Thanksgiving is upon us. God gets tired of words, words, words. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith...but he that doeth." The Spirit caused John to write, "Let us not love in word only, but in deed and in truth."

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**"Now There Stood By the Cross"—John 19:25**

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We lingered in the friendly homes of the Jim Lands, W. W. Jones, Marion Perrys and a number of others. When young Alan and Don Perry found we had been around the world, we had all the questions we could answer.

Other names prominent here are Webb, Gamblin, Moss, Langston, Yates, Walton, Evans, Petty, Mopus, Foster, Cole, Crews, Chandler, Wiggins, Lofton, Blocker, Putnam, Cox, Moorehead, Keys, Scott, Dees, Johnson, Fields, Payne, Williams, Williamson, Burke, Taylor, Germany, Fox, Hand, Jordan, Flemings—well, just read the church roll and you have them. May God bless them every one. Doxology!

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## Probable Sons

By Amy LeFevre

### Milly Arrives — an Unwanted Legacy

(First of 9 chapters. A heart-moving story)

#### Chapter I.

#### An Unwelcome Legacy

"Children! They are a nuisance to everyone—my abomination, as you know, Jack. Why on earth they can not be kept out of sight altogether till they reach a sensible age is what puzzles me! And I suppose if anything could make the matter worse, it is that this is a girl."

The tone of disgust with which the last word was uttered brought a laugh from Sir Edward Wentworth's companion, who replied, as he took his cigar from his mouth and gazed critically into the worried, perplexed face of his host—

"My dear fellow, she is not of an age yet to trouble you much. Wait till she gets a bit older. When her education is finished and she takes possession of you and your house, will be the time for you to look to us for pity!"

"Look here, Sir Edward," said a bright looking youth from the other side of the room, "I'll give you a bit of advice. Send the child straight off to school. Is she coming to-day? Good. Then pack her off to-morrow, and keep her there as long as is needful. Then I will go down and inspect her, and if she grows up to a moderately decent-looking girl, I will do you a good turn by taking her off your hands. She will have a nice little fortune, you informed us, and if you will give her something in addition, out of gratitude to me for relieving you of all responsibility concerning her, upon my word I think I should not do badly!"

But Sir Edward was not in a mood to joke. He looked gloomily around upon his friends as they gathered around the smoking-room fire after a hard day's shooting, and remarked—

"I know what is before me. I have seen it in my sister's family and have heard something of all her toils and troubles. How thankful I was when she and hers were translated to Australia, and the sea came between us! It is first the nurses, who run off with one's butler, make love to the keepers, and bring all kinds of followers about the house, who sometimes make off with one's plate. Then it's the governesses, who come and have a try at the guests, or most likely in my case they would set their affections on me, and get the reins of government entirely into their hands. If it is school, then there is a mass of correspondence about the child's health and training; and, in addition, I shall have all the ladies in the neighborhood coming to mother the child and tell me how to train it. It is a bad look-out for me, I can tell you, and not one of you would care to be in my shoes."

"What is the trouble, Ned?" asked a new-comer, opening the door and glancing at the amused faces of those surrounding Sir Edward, all of whom seemed to be keenly enjoying their host's perplexity.

"He has received a legacy to-day, that is all," was the response; "he has had an orphan niece and nurse sent to him from some remote place in the Highlands. Come, give us your case again, old fellow, for the benefit of your cousin."



Sir Edward, a grave, abstract-looking man, with an iron-grey moustache and dark, piercing eyes, looked up with a desponding shake of the head, and repeated slowly and emphatically—

"A widowed sister of mine died last year, and left her little girl in the charge of an old school friend, who has now taken a husband to herself and discarded the child, calmly sending me the following letter:—

"Dear Sir: Doubtless you will remember that your sister's great desire on her death-bed was that you should receive her little one and bring her up under your own eye, being her natural guardian and nearest relative. Hearing, however, from you that you did not at that time feel equal to the responsibility, I came forward and volunteered to take her for a short while till you had made arrangements to receive her. I have been expecting to hear from you for some time, and as I have promised my future husband to fix the day for our marriage some time early next month, I thought I could not do better than send the child with her nurse to you without delay. She will reach you the day after you receive this letter. Perhaps you will kindly send me word of her safe arrival.

Yours truly,  
Anna Kent."

Now, Lovell, what do you think of that? And sure enough, this afternoon, while we were out, the child and nurse appeared, and are in the house at this present moment. Don't you think it a hard case for such a confirmed bachelor as I am?"

"I do indeed," was the hearty reply; "but I think you will find a way out of it, Ned. Take a wife unto yourself, and she will relieve you of the responsibility."

There was a general laugh at this, but in the midst of it the door slowly opened, and the subject of all this discussion appeared on the threshold, a fragile little figure, with long, golden-brown hair, and a pair of dark brown eyes that looked calmly and searchingly in front of her. Clad in white, with her dimpled hands crossed in front of her, she stood there for a moment in silence, then spoke:—

"Where is my Uncle Edward?"

"Here," replied Sir Edward, as he looked helplessly round, first at his friends and then at his small niece.

The child stepped up to him with perfect composure, and held out her little hand, which her uncle took, undergoing all the while a severe scrutiny from the pair of dark eyes fixed upon him. There was dead silence in the room. Sir Edward's companions were delighting in the scene, and his great discomfiture only heightened their enjoyment.

"Well," he said at length, rather feebly, "I think you know the look of me now, don't you? Where is your nurse? Ought you not to be in your bed? This is not the place for little girls, you know."

"I was thinking you would kiss me," and the child's lips began to quiver, while a pink flush rose to her cheeks, and she glanced wistfully round, in the hope of seeing some sympathetic face near her.

But Sir Edward could not bring himself to do this. Laying his hand on the curly head raised to his, he patted it as he might his dog, and said,—

"There, there! Now you have introduced yourself to me, you can run away. What is your name? Millicent, isn't it?"

"Milly is my name. And are all these gentlemen my uncles too?"

## The Occasions of Thanksgiving

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astronomy is adding to the significance of the sentence, "He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite" (Psa. 147:4, 5). Once we imagined that they amounted to a few hundred. Now we know that the sidereal systems exceed the million, amount to millions on millions, and we have little reason to doubt that beyond the possible reach of the mightiest instrument yet conceived by man, infinite additional sidereal systems swing through endless space. Truly did the Psalmist speak, "The heavens declare the glory of God."

He calleth them by their names. How interesting it would be to know what God's names for these stars are; how surely they would exceed in suggestiveness the appellations of men! We marvel at the wisdom of Adam when it is written that "The Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them; and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field" (Gen. 2:19, 20).

Some years since, I inquired who gave names to all the pullman cars that moved by the thousands across our mighty country, and was told that an individual was paid a very high salary to do nothing else. The number and variety of them, and the necessity of no repetition, requires real ingenuity; but Adam's task and that of the pullman car employee is trivial beside the wisdom that called the stars by name. No wonder it is followed by the phrase, "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite" (Psa. 147:5).

Before passing from these verses, it is well to remark the juxtaposition of the "grace of God," and the "power of God,"—grace revealed in gathering "together the outcasts of Israel," healing "the broken hearted," and binding "up their

The tone of doubtful inquiry was too much for the little company, and Milly's question was answered by a shout of laughter.

Again the child's face flushed, and then a grey-haired man stepped forward.

"Come, Wentworth, this is a severe ordeal for such a mite. I have grandchildren of my own, so am not so scared as you. Now, little one, is that better?"

And in an instant the child was lifted by him and placed upon his knee as he took a seat by the fire.

Milly heaved a short sigh.

"I like this," she said, looking up at him confidingly. "Does Uncle Edward really want me to go to bed? Nurse said it wasn't time yet. Nurse wanted her supper, so she sent me in here while she had it."

"The reign of the nurse has begun," said Sir Edward. "Well, it may be a very fine joke to all you fellows, but if I don't make my authority felt at once, it will be all up with me. Lovell, be so good as to ring that bell."

Sir Edward's voice was irate when his old butler appeared.

"Ford, take this child to her nurse, and tell her that she is never to appear in my presence again unless sent for. Now, Millicent, go at once."

The child slid down from her seat, but though evidently puzzled at the quick, sharp words, she seemed to have no fear, for, going up to her uncle, she slipped her little hand into his.

"Are you angry, uncle? What does 'presence' mean? Will you say, 'Good-night; God bless you,' to me?"

With the baby fingers clinging to his, what could Sir Edward say?

"Good-night, child! Now go."

"Say, 'God bless you!'" persisted the little one, and it was not till her uncle muttered the desired words that she relinquished her hold and followed the butler sedately out of the room.

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wounds," and the power exhibited in telling "the number of the stars," calling "them all by their names," which is truly interpreted as "commanding their courses." In God, gentleness and greatness perfectly combined! How marvelous that He who framed the worlds by His Word, "so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Heb. 11:3), is the very same "who sitteth beside every sparrow," that falls to the street and flutters in dying, resting the same in the hollow of His hand till breath goes from the tiny and seemingly worthless body. That is God, and therein is His greatness!

It is further revealed in His judgments. "The Lord lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground" (Psa. 147:6). There are those who would object to this because there are those who hate judgment. There are those who want no discernment between righteousness and wickedness; who would have no favor shown to the first, and who would certainly have no adjudication exercised against the second. But if God did not do both, He would not be God, and the very world in which we live would shortly become a moral chaos.

Illinois once had a governor who set free hundreds and thousands of her criminals. Texas had a woman governor who did the same. At first, this unmerited favor is popular. It commonly results in a re-election of such governors, but they seldom get beyond two short terms when the reeking state of society demands reform. On the contrary, God who lifts "up the meek," and casts "the wicked down to the ground," justifies Himself in that righteous judgment, and gives men everywhere to know that the right will triumph and the wrong will go to defeat.

George Lorimer once said, "As we look backward and comprehensively grasp all that has fallen out, both of good and bad, and observe their bearing and results, we are constrained to recognize a guiding intelligence that is not of earth, and a benevolence that has never failed to bring light out of darkness. Why then should we, who have been thus taught, falter in our faith or yield to the dismay of doubt? Though we see Him not, we have sufficient reason for trust; and though error may for the time being seem to prevail against truth, and the hearts of His children fail them for fear, unless the centuries have lied to us, He will yet remember the kingdom of His dear Son, will enlarge its borders, establish its authority, and bring forth its righteousness as the noonday."

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One death-struggle in the darkness  
Twist false systems and the Word;

Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne;  
But that scaffold sways the future,  
And behind the dim unknown

Standeth God within the shadow,  
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## The Occasions of Thanksgiving

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But we come to our second appeal for a further burst of praise, and the occasion is

### An Abundant Provision

"Sing unto the Lord with thanks-giving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy."—Psa. 147:7-11.

Let us return to the study of these verses and see what they suggest.

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God regards and provides Nature's real necessities. There are those who imagine that clouds are independent of God, and that rains are subject only to natural laws, and that grass on the mountains to give to the beast his food, and by his carcass in turn to silence the cry of young ravens, is all by fixed and eternal laws of unconscious nature. But, our Bible does not so teach, and true believers do not so hold. They entertain rather the conviction that, as the stars in their courses execute the divine command, so the clouds come at the divine will, and the rain pours on earth to express the divine pleasure, and that no grass ever grew apart from the active will of God. Robertson Nicoll has well said, "The yearly miracle which brings from some invisible storehouse the clouds to fill the sky and drop down fatness, the answer of the brown earth which mysteriously shoots forth the tender green spikelets away up on the mountain flanks, where no man has sown and no man will reap, the loving care which thereby provides food for the wild creatures, owned by no one, and answers the hoarse croak of the callow fledglings in the ravens' nests—these are manifestations of God's power and revelations of His character worthy to be woven into a hymn which celebrates His restoring grace, and to be set beside the apocalypse of His greatness in the nightly heavens."

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## Never -- Never -- Never!

Never compromise with that which you are sure is wrong for the sake of peace. Never compromise principle for the sake of favor, advancement, or position.

Never say "Yes" when the Holy Spirit and the Word of God say an emphatic "No."

God is at eternal enmity with every manifestation of sin. Men soften the name. They say popularity, influence, respectability, and self-interest are harmless amusements, necessary vices. God says they are sin, and those who take delight in them are condemned to eternal perdition.

Men seek for the dividing line between sin and holiness. They seek long and earnestly, through winding and devious ways, and appear with a smile of imagined triumph in the church, with flying banners inscribed "Compromise." Sinai gathers blackness as God's voice thunders in reply, "Separation."

Here is the "great gulf fixed." "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." "He that committeth sin is of the Devil."

Thus God's immutable law separates holiness from all unrighteousness, and in eternity that law of separation prevails; it welcomes holiness to "the joy of thy Lord" but dooms unrighteousness to "everlasting fire."

No place along the way from earth to Heaven does God allow, for one moment, a compromise between them.—V. A. Dake, in *The Burning Bush*.

summer season, vegetation perishes from wide fields. The forests themselves grow brown, and the grass on the mountainsides dries up and dies, and the inhabitants of the mountainsides grow lean and long for the rainy season, and lo, when it comes, what instant change. I have seen brown fields and even mountainsides change to green overnight and one could readily imagine the famished hart feeling a sense of gratitude to the God who thus gives the tender, luscious grass to fatten the very food on which young ravens, in a later season, shall feed.

The verses that follow sound like an abrupt and illogical change, but not so. They only teach a converse truth.

God delights in human affection vs. animal strength.

"He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy."—Psa. 147:10, 11.

The time was when the strength of the horse was consummate, when the legs of a man were a synonym for swiftness. But, alas, for miracle inventions! They have both lost their meaning. That may be why God never took delight in them. He knew how puny and poor they were, as compared with the multiplied forces at His command yet to be discovered by men. God never rests in the ephemeral thing, but rather in the eternal. That is why He taketh pleasure in "them that fear Him," in "those that hope in His mercy." "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." "Hope in God is the prophecy of its consummation."

Lot and Abraham were perfect illustrations of these converse truths. Lot believed in temporal power expressed by the strength in the horse. Lot trusted in his business sagacity, voiced by the swiftness of man's feet. Consequently, he lifted up his eyes and made choice of the rich plains of Esdraelon, and counted himself a far-seeing man, as all conscienceless businessmen so suppose themselves.

Abraham waited for the Word of the Lord, and when it was spoken, it was this, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give..." (Gen. 13:14, 15). The truth is, then, that what Lot had chosen was finally to fall out as belonging also to Abraham, and to his seed after him. Even so, and it is commonly so, the man who chooses God's will, "fearing Him" and

"hoping in his mercy," that man will know God's pleasure and enjoy a prosperity of divine appointment.

God is not like nature, indifferent to moral values. Henry Van Dyke writes, "If we regarded nature as impersonal, and the universe as a material mechanism, we should find no difficulty in it. For then this shining of the sun and falling of the rain upon the evil and the good, this procession of the seasons, this interflow of forces and influences which work together in productiveness, this germinating of the seed and unfolding of the blade and forming of the ear and ripening of the full corn in the ear—the same for every child of man who toils and waits—all this would be to us only the proof and illustration of what we should call the large indifference of nature. But the moment we see God behind the face of nature, the moment we believe that this vast and marvellous procession of seasons and causes and changes, this array of interworking forces, is directed and controlled by a supreme, omniscient Holy Spirit, whose will is manifest in the springing of the seed, the ripening of the fruit, the fading of the leaf, the shining of the sun, and the falling of the rain—this indifference becomes incomprehensible and impossible. . . . You tell me that nature is indifferent. I say, Not if God is behind nature."

"You tell me that 'it matters not whether the hand that guides the plow be pure and clean, or wicked and defiled. Nature feels alike and will do alike for both.' I say, Not if God is behind nature; not if nature is the expression of His will. He may do alike, but He does not feel alike. As well say that He who made light and darkness cannot distinguish between them, as that He whose will is the moral law ever forgets it, ignores it, casts it aside, in any sphere or mode of his action. Evermore he loves the good, the true, the noble. Evermore He hates the base, the false, the evil. Evermore iniquity is an abomination unto Him, and righteousness is His delight."

But we come to the third appeal of this choir director. Once more, he calls upon the singers to unite their voices in loudest paeans.

"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord."—Psa. 147: 12-20.

What does it mean? Several things! First,

God's providence is peculiar over His own people. "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee" (Psa. 147:12, 13).

There are comely leaders among singers. A great soprano, noble alto, a high tenor, a mighty bass. They sound the note loudest and clearest. Other voices unite to swell the praise.

Why should not Jerusalem lead? Why should not Zion be first in song? These are God's own! They know Him! They love Him! They can sing from grateful hearts. Their voices express conscious favor. Such are the first singers always! To review the divine favors is to find the lips filled with song. God is ever revealing a special grace toward His own. This single fact gave birth to more of the Psalms than all other influences combined. Take the 106th Psalm, with its 48 verses, and the 107th Psalm, with its 43 verses; and they are a review of God's favor to Israel, and voice the Psalmist's earnest plea for "praise" unto "the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful

works to the children of men" (Psa. 107:8).

But the descendants of Jacob are not the lone children of God. Through all the centuries, His favor has been upon them that feared Him, His blessing upon believers. Read the Book of the Acts. Regard the divine inference and rejoice that God "careth for his own." Look into so-called secular history! See it made doubly sacred by the defeat of the Duke of Alba's intention against the Christians in Holland through a tide that refused to turn in twelve long hours. Look into the history of England, and recall how the fierce wind scattered the Armada of Spain over the north and spared the people of God. Or do what David is constantly doing—reduce it to individual preservation.

Remember how John Knox felt strangely moved to give up his seat in front of a window and take another. You see that impulse proven to have been of God when, a little later, a musketball crashed past the very place where he sat and buried itself in an opposite wall. No wonder the Psalmist concludes a great Psalm, written in review of such incidents, by saying,

"Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord."—Psa. 107:43.

In the providence of God is both peace and prosperity. "He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat" (Psa. 147:14). These two commonly walk hand in hand, just (Continued on page 8)

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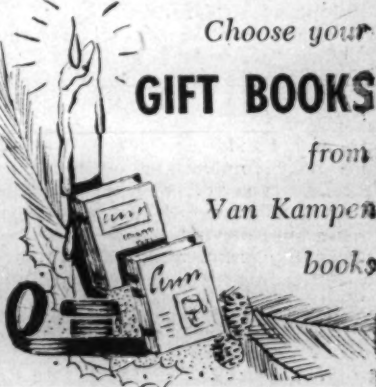
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## The Occasions of Thanksgiving

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as war and want were almost always co-workers. People seldom appreciate the prosperity that belongs to a time of peace until lands are war-swept and impoverished. Germany, Russia, Austria, Rumania, Poland, Italy, Belgium, France, England—these all now appreciate the days back of 1914 when "peace was in their borders," and when their "garners were filled with the finest wheat." When will the nations learn that war and want walk together, and turning with believing hearts to the Prince of Peace, implore His presence and His administration of life—personal, national, international!

Poverty of nations and poverty of individuals will end only when God is taken into partnership, or rather is accepted in leadership. Campbell Morgan, in one of his books, tells the story of the Scotch lord, who called his faithful servant into his presence and said, "Donald, I have decided to give you that farm that you may work it for yourself, own it, and spend the rest of your days on your own property."

But Donald, with all the can-niness that characterized his nationality, looked up into the face of his lord and said, "It is nae gude to gie me the farm; I have nae capital to stock it."

His lordship was touched, and so he answered, "Oh, Donald, I think I can manage to stock it also."

Whereupon Donald replied, "Oh, well, if it is you and me for it, I think we will manage."

And then Morgan applied his story, "Jesus, Master, if it be Thee and me for it, we can manage." "God with us, who can be against us!"

His providence is over all the earth. "He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?" (Psa. 147:16, 17).

A strange expression of providence, you say! These are curses! Pardon me; not at all! Snow, frost, ice—these are as absolutely essential to the season's success as is spring or summer themselves. Is it not written, "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and

maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater?" (Isa. 55:10).

Certainly! The winter season is not a time of fruitfulness in itself, but it is an essential preparation of the earth for the same. God is not cursing man with cold! God is blessing him! By the cold, he is resting nature, refreshing her to make her more fruitful; and by the cold, He is toning up the blood, enlarging the veins, quickening the arteries, adding zest to life. These are the inheritance of all men!

Nature's pageant in the recurring seasons is only an expression of God's care for all His creatures. In fact, winter is perhaps God's own appointment for bringing men to appreciate the Spring and Summer and Autumn. But for the very contrast, spiritual carelessness and spiritual ingratitude of a deeper and baser sort might characterize men. It was some such thought that Robert-Louis Stevenson voiced in verse:

*If I have faltered more or less  
In my great track of happiness;  
If I have moved among my race,  
And shown no glorious morning face;*

*If beams from happy human eyes  
Have moved me not; if morning skies,  
Books, and my food, and summer rain,*

*Knocked on my sullen heart in vain,  
Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take,  
And stab my spirit broad awake.*

And it was this same thought that David himself evidently had, for he concludes his anthem of praise with this expression, "He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord" (Psa. 147:18-20).

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## The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

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vest, for the blessings of the year. But at the same time, God says, "Pay thy vows unto the most High." And then He gives the promise that those who remember Him with thanksgiving and payment of vows may call upon Him in the day of trouble, and be delivered!

There are many good causes Christians may want to help on Thanksgiving Day. But let us earnestly suggest that those who have been blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD will help us in our Building Fund with an earnest and sacrificial thanksgiving offering. We promised \$5,000 each month, October 1, November 1, December 1, January 1, on the new building purchased in Wheaton by the Sword of the Lord, to take care of our greatly-expanded office staff. This is one step in our long-range building program. We are grateful for fine help on the Building Fund from many of our friends. By October 1 we had in hand about \$4,600 for the down payment; and we had to make up the other \$400 from general funds of the Sword of the Lord. November 1 we had a little over \$4,200 in hand, and we had to make up nearly \$800 from the general fund of the Sword of the Lord. That is without taking out a cent for promotion purposes, postage, mailings, help, or anything else. But with heavy bills to pay, and great expenses, we simply cannot afford to use general fund money to pay for the Building Fund. All the money that comes for subscriptions must go to pay printing bills, postage, and salaries. All the money that comes from books, post-

age, salaries, advertising, and such things. So we trust our friends will help us with a fine Thanksgiving offering. We ought to have enough to pay the \$5,000 promised December 1, to make up the deficit for the last two months, and to pay any other cost directly chargeable to the Building Fund.

We believe our Sword of the Lord employees, loyal, devoted Christians that they are, will give over \$500 this month. One girl with moderate salary told me yesterday she was giving \$50 a month for this purpose. Mrs. Rice and I for the third month will, by God's mercy, be enabled to put in \$100. Now let all those whose hearts God has touched give a Thanksgiving offering and do it in Jesus' name.

Of course, we want only such gifts as people feel led of God to send. None of it will come to this editor, but all of it will go to actual purchase of buildings for the work of the Lord. I am sure you will have a happier Thanksgiving for helping, if God speaks to your heart; and we have the glad assurance that then we may call upon Him in the day of trouble, and He will hear and deliver.

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## Why Jesus Came Into the World

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came into the world to save sinners."

### I. In Whose Behalf It Was That Christ Jesus Came Into the World

Notice first of all, please, in whose behalf it was that Christ Jesus came—in the behalf of "SINNERS." "Sinners" is not a nice word, and the fact for which it stands is even worse than the word. Sin is the foulest, hatefulness, most hideous, most loathsome thing in all the universe. Disease, leprosy, death, corruption, rottenness, putridity, and all other repulsive and disgusting things are one and all merely inadequate types of sin and its hideousness and repulsiveness. The sinner is the personal embodiment of all this foulness and vileness and repulsiveness, and yet Jesus Christ, the Holy Son of God, came into the world in behalf of sinners.

Men and women who were sinners and who were conscious of the fact seemed to be the only people in whom Christ Jesus took any interest when He was here on earth. He "received sinners." He "called sinners." He "ate with publicans and sinners." He announced as His program, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:13), and again, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

A very prominent and eminently respectable and profoundly pious leader among the Jews came in a very deferential way to Christ Jesus one night to ask Him a few important questions, and He practically slammed the door in his face by saying, "You must be born again." He would not even reason with him, but kept saying, "You must be born again." In the very next chapter a loose, abandoned woman strays His way and He tells her all about the water which if a man drink thereof he will "never thirst again," and about the true way to worship, and about His own Messianic office.

In the eighteenth chapter of Luke a most attractive young man comes to Jesus Christ, a young man who had led a most exemplary life, a life of morality and piety and generosity and culture and Christ sends him away sorrowful by an uncompromising demand that he sell all his honestly-gotten possessions and give the proceeds to the poor. And in the very next chapter He tells a notorious, money-grasping old sinner named Zacchaeus that He wants to put up at his house!

In the seventh chapter of Luke, Jesus Christ hits a very respectable and highly esteemed and hospitable gentleman named Simon a slap in the face, and almost in the same breath tenderly says to a disreputable woman of the town, "Thy sins are forgiven—go in peace."

All of His interest was in sinners, all His tenderness was for sinners, all His infinitely gracious invitations were for sinners. Oh, how wondrously kind and gentle He was to sinners! But how merciless He was to moralists, to all who boasted of their own goodness, of their religion and their righteousness—stripping off the veneering of decency that covered the real rottenness within, calling them "white-washed sepulchres," "hidden graves," enclosures of rottenness and corruption and dead men's bones, "generation of snakes."

Christ Jesus came to save sinners. Do you wish Christ Jesus to take an interest in you and to save you? Well, then, you must take your place before Him as a sinner, just a commonplace, unadorned, unvarnished, inexcusable, self-confessed sinner. Not a respectable sinner, no; nor a genteel sinner,

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nor a cultivated sinner, no; nor an attractive sinner, no; nor an amiable sinner, no; but just a plain, unadorned sinner; a poor, miserable, vile, guilty, worthless, Hell-deserving sinner. Do you know that more people are shut out of Jesus Christ's saving grace and out of pardon and out of Heaven and out of eternal life because they won't get right down before Christ Jesus as sinners, plain, ugly, wretched sinners, than by anything else? Far more people are shut out of Heaven by the pride that keeps them from crying, "God be merciful to me a sinner," than are shut out by the enormity of their sins or by the stubbornness of their infidelity. It is as true today as it was when Jesus Christ first said it to the moralists of His own day, "The publicans and harlots go into the kingdom of heaven before you" (Matt. 21:31).

One night in an after-meeting in Chicago, as I passed through the innermost inquiry room, a lady of large culture sat there among the inquirers. This woman had taken two or three university degrees, she was in professional life and was one of the most highly cultured women who attended our church. As I passed by she said, "Mr. Torrey, will you speak with me?"

I replied, "If you will wait a few moments until I speak to

these poor creatures over yonder," looking toward some poor outcasts grouped together in a corner of the room, "I will come back and speak with you." These poor outcasts knew that they were sinners and they accepted Jesus Christ. Then I came back to the lady and drawing up a chair sat down in front of her and asked her, "What can I do for you?"

She replied, "Mr. Torrey, I have

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## Why Jesus Came

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not a satisfactory Christian experience."

I replied, "I do not think you have any Christian experience at all."

"Why," she replied, "I am a church member."

I answered, "Unfortunately that does not prove anything. I am sorry to say that I have known many church members whom I could not believe were really saved."

"But," she said, "I am a Sunday School teacher."

I said, "Unfortunately that does not prove anything. I am sorry to say I have known not a few Sunday School teachers of whose salvation I was not at all sure."

"But," she replied, "I am the widow of a minister."

"Well," I said, "unfortunately even that fact does not prove anything. I do not read anywhere in the Bible that anyone is saved by marrying a parson. Now," I said, "I do not believe that you ever in all your life came to God as a poor, vile, worthless, miserable, Hell-deserving sinner, not essentially better than those poor creatures over in the corner."

She immediately straightened up and her eyes flashed as she replied, "No, I never did, for I am not."

I looked at her and quietly said, "You are about as full of spiritual conceit as anyone I ever met."

She gasped out, "Mr. Torrey, you are cruel."

"No," I replied, "I am kind. It is not cruel, it is kind, to tell peo-

ple the truth. Now," I said, "you are a physician, are you not?"

She said, "Yes, I am."

"Suppose you had a patient who had a great big tumor and you took a sharp knife and cut it out. Would that be cruel?"

"No," she answered, "that would be the kindest thing I could do."

"Well," I said, "you have a great big tumor of spiritual pride and by the grace of God I will cut it out tonight." The woman had sense even if she was proud. She immediately dropped on her knees and came to God as a poor, vile, worthless, miserable, Hell-deserving sinner, and she got "a satisfactory Christian experience." But there are some of you who have never done it, and some of you who are determined that you never will do it. Well, you will or else you will spend eternity in Hell.

Come, my genial, upright, polished, perfect gentleman, you must get down and take your place as a sinner, if Jesus Christ is to take any interest in you and save you. Come, my fine lady, with fair and attractive life and beautiful character and generous culture and winsome personality and an honoured place in society, you, too, have got to get down in your right place before God as a sinner if Christ Jesus is to save you. Yes, you must get down right alongside your sister from the slums, for "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" and He saves nobody else. Are you one? Are you a real, genuine sinner? If not,

Christ did not come for you. Oh, we have thousands in our churches today who have never taken their places as lost sinners before Jesus Christ, and of course, they have never been saved.

Over the door of the Moody Church in Chicago, when I was pastor, these words were engraved in the stone, "Welcome to this house of God are strangers and the poor." I fear that motto kept a good many people away from that church. They preferred to go where the rich and cultured were especially welcome. But suppose that motto had read, "This church is for sinners." Would you like to have gone to that church? But if this church in which we are met tonight is to be a true church of Jesus Christ that is whom it is for, for "sinners": "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

But while this great and wonderful text takes away all hope from the mere moralists, while it says to every man and woman who are unwilling to take their places before Christ as sinners, "Christ Jesus is not for you, the Gospel is not for you, the Bible is not for you, Heaven is not for you," on the other hand, how wide this text throws open the door for all who are sinners and who know it. Yes, even for the vilest. Listen again, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." How many a man and woman there is today who is saying, "Christ Jesus is not for me, salvation is not for me, eternal life is not for me, the inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away is not for me."

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Why not, "Oh, I am so great a sinner." Listen, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Do you hear that? It was in behalf of sinners that Jesus Christ came into this world, and because you are just what you are, a "sinner," a grievous, way-down, miserable, hopeless, helpless, Hell-deserving sinner, it is just that fact that makes Christ Jesus for you, and Heaven for you, and salvation for you, and eternal life for you: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." I see passing before me as I speak a long, long line of men and women whom I have met in different parts of the world who seemed utterly beyond hope, and who considered themselves utterly beyond hope, because they had gone so deep into sin and remained so long in sin, but who by the power of this text were led to put their trust in the Saviour who

came into the world to save "sinners." Yes, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" and He does it. And He can do it for anyone here tonight who will take his place as a lost sinner. But He cannot do it for anyone else.

### II. What Was the Purpose of Christ Jesus Concerning Sinners?

We see then, it was in behalf of sinners that Christ Jesus came into the world, but *What Was His Purpose Concerning Sinners?* TO SAVE! "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." As already suggested, He did not come into the world to punish sinners. Neither did He come to condemn sinners. He did not come to upbraid sinners. He did upbraid certain classes of sinners sometimes but that was not what He came for; that was merely an incident. He did not come to reform sinners. That is a hopeless and worthless task. It is like painting the cheeks of a corpse. It will not keep the corpse from rotting. He did not come to help sinners, to help them to do better. Ah, friends, a sinner's case is so desperate that he needs something more than help, something that goes far deeper than help. He came to SAVE sinners, to radically, thoroughly and eternally save sinners. To save them freely, fully, and forever.

1. First of all, *He came to save sinners from the guilt of their sins.* There is a Holy God up yonder, an infinitely Holy God, and when a man once sins he is a guilty sinner before yonder Holy God. His sins avert the face of that Holy Being from him, his sin separates between him and that Holy God, and the wrath of that Holy God is kindled against him, though that God loves him. Christ Jesus came into the world to save us from our guilt, to save us from the wrath of God, and to give our guilty consciences peace.

How did Jesus save sinners from their guilt? Listen to God's own answer to that question, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Gal. 3:13). He saved us from the guilt of sin by taking our guilt upon Himself, by bearing our penalty in His own body on the Cross of Calvary. The curse was your due and mine; but Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, took that curse upon Himself. Listen again, "All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and Jehovah hath made to strike on Him (that is, Jesus Christ) the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6, literally translated). By His atoning death Jesus Christ put away the sin that stood between you and God. By His atoning death, by the shedding of His blood, God's wrath at my sin and at your sin was settled and settled forever. By His death my guilty conscience finds peace. Let me say that this is with me not a mere matter of theological opinion but a matter of glad and certain experimental knowledge. Christ Jesus saves from the guilt and penalty of sin—I know that. I do not merely think so or hope so; I know it. I know that Christ Jesus "has power on earth to forgive sins" because He has forgiven my sins, and they were very many and they were very great. And I know that through His atoning death, which I have accepted as the whole ground and the sole ground of my salvation, every sin of mine has been blotted out forever, and that there is not a cloud between me and the infinitely Holy God in whose presence the very seraphim veil their faces and their feet!

2. But Christ Jesus came not merely to save the sinner from the guilt of his sins and from the penalty of his sins, but to save him also from the power of sin. Jesus Christ does save from sin's guilt and from sin's punishment. He does save from a guilty conscience and from Hell, but, thank God, that is not all: He saves from sin's power. Our Lord's own words bring this out with great clearness and force. He Himself says in John 8:34, "Every one that committeth sin is the slave of sin." Now we all know this is true. Oh, how

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word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years."

Herein are lessons for us today.

God uses the king of a heathen country to forward His work—Ezra, chapter 1. The people are described in chapter 2. "Together" is a chief emphasis in chapter 3. In verse 1 we read, "The people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem." In verse 2 some leaders work together in building an altar of God. In verse 6, 7 the people go together in giving money to workmen who work at the given task of gathering materials. In verse 8 many workers come together "to set forward the work of the house of the Lord." In verse 11 the singers "sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord."

Incidentally the "old-timers" couldn't forget "the good old days" (read vs. 12, 13).

Chapter 4 tells us that God's people had their adversaries, as do His people today. First, these enemies proposed that they be allowed to work along with God's people—another Trojan horse—termites from within. In verse 3 we have another "together" as the leaders say, "No! we will do the work together ourselves." Then, the enemy hired lawyers, wrote false accusations and otherwise hindered the work of God. The work is delayed, stopped, started again and completed (chaps. 5, 6).

A very significant sentence about God's people reveals the secret of their success in finishing His work. "...the hand of the Lord his God upon him" (7:6). You will find the repeated statement in 7:9, 28; 8:18, 31.

If God's faithful servant succeeds, then in fact GOD DID IT! Reading on through the tenth chapter you will review successive defeats and victories for God's people in measure as they were faithful or disobedient toward Him.

A person, family, or nation never gets "too big" for God Almighty to "handle." Let us remember that!

Help the Sword of the Lord build for the Lord in your day and mine!

### Give God of Your Best

It is easy to be cheap and little in making offerings unto the Lord. David goes to see about a place for an offering unto the Lord. Araunah offers to give the place and the animals to be sacrificed. David refuses because he will not offer things unto the Lord that cost him nothing. Read II Samuel 24:18-25.

Compare that with the scene in John 12:1-11. Mary anoints Jesus with a most precious possession. To her nothing was too good for Him. Judas Iscariot had another idea, "Why was not this sold and given to the poor?"

Compare all this with what Jesus gave for us (John 19, and Phil. 2:5-11).

When God's people would build Him a house, they spent \$34,399,-112,500 in talents of gold, silver, and brass. Silver vessels for Temple use cost \$2,446,720,000; vessels of gold cost \$2,726,481,015; trumpets cost \$100,000 and other musical instruments \$200,000. The total cost was probably five thousand million dollars.

God deserves the best. The earth, the silver, and gold and all belong to Him anyway.

### In Ole Mississippi

Mrs. McCall and I had a grand time in Mississippi with our families and friends in the Lord! We preached a dozen times in five different places. First, we were asked to speak on "Evangelism" at Mt. Nelson Church, Neshoba Association. Mr. Wilbur Cole, a great layman, was moderator, and Dr. Norris Q. Geer, pastor at Philadelphia, was chairman of Evangelism. The house was packed with people, most all of whom we

knew. From Acts 19:10 we discussed "area-wide evangelism." A great "dinner on the ground" was served.

Next, the folks of Leake Association at Walnut Grove Church just about swamped us with courtesies. Brother Taylor, another very fine layman, was moderator; Brother Rutledge Courtney, a splendid young minister and pastor of the church, was in our home some in his college days. Pastor George Smith, another great heart, asked us to speak on Missions. We told of mission work seen in this country and around the world. Another great "dinner on the ground" was served.

Then, at Tishomingo, Prentiss and Newton Associations, we extended greetings. Clarke Association folks told us they got and liked THE SWORD, as did people at all the meetings. We ran by Lauderdale for a part of the noon period. Pastors and laymen who greatly help in the work of the Lord were seen in all these meetings. We told them, as always, we were getting out the gospel. That is what God called us to do.

We visited East Church, Greenville, and preached to a good morning congregation. Dr. Homer Roberson is the fine pastor, having done good work wherever he has served. Mr. John D. Davis is a member of this church. He was president of the Mission Board for nine of the eleven years we served as Secretary. No man has done more for the work of Christ.

At Meridian we spoke to an enthusiastic Youth for Christ group—second largest regular crowd, we were told. Mr. Fred Phelps leads here in his unique way.

Other choice contacts were made, including preaching at Philadelphia. We write a separate paragraph about that.

Everywhere we found people who were hungry for real spiritual food and friendly because they were Christ-like.

Some dozens subscriptions to THE SWORD came to us as we went in His way. Multitudes said they liked this Gospel paper. Doxology.

The sacrificial loyalty to the work of Christ herein exhibited is typical of SWORD of the LORD readers. The letter follows:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I saw that you were asking all subscribers of THE SWORD of the LORD paper to send \$1.00 bill for the month of September, which I did. I have been taking the paper almost two years, and I like it best of any Christian paper I have ever taken. I get more help from it than any other paper and hope to be able to continue to take it. For the month of October I understand it to be \$1.00 for each day, and I told you when I sent the \$1.00 bill for September that I would not be able to give that amount, but would send a small gift.

"I am giving tithes and offerings to my own church which is the First Baptist and is still a young church with a big debt still on it. So I couldn't see much left for the month of October gift.

"But you know, there was something happened. My old age pension was increased \$5.00 for the month of October. And I am sending that \$5.00 in to you as my little gift in helping to enlarge the Sword of the Lord building.

"May God bless you and your family and all that work on the staff."

### "THANK YOU," GOD!

Someone said, "Too many people grumble 364 days and observe Thanksgiving in one day." Maybe we need to be thankful 364 days and do our grumbling all in one day!

Deuteronomy 16:13-15: "Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, the widow, that are within thy gates. Seven days shalt thou

keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose: because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice." Here we see the feast of the Tabernacle as something of Thanksgiving time. It was to continue for seven days. It was to come after the gathering of the harvest. God's people were to rejoice in that feast. They were to rejoice in the presence and blessings of God.

Deuteronomy 16:16, 17: "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." In this feast, along with two others, they were "not to appear before the Lord empty." They were to give as they were able! God's provision always!

Now is harvest time in 1952. Let us make an offering for the work of the Lord. He has blessed us. Let us thank Him in more than words.

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### What Every Soul Winner Should Know

Every soul winner should KNOW—1. That he was lost. 2. That he is now saved. 3. How he was saved. 4. That Jesus will likewise save others. 5. A few Scriptures and where to find them—

(1) Showing all are lost and need a Saviour (Isa. 53:6, Rom. 3:10, 23).

(2) Presenting Jesus as Saviour and Lord (John 3:14-18, Acts 16:30, 31).

(3) Emphasizing there is only one Saviour who saves (Acts 4:12).

(4) Explaining the death of Jesus as "He dies for our sins" (John 19, I John 1:7, Isa. 53).

### How to Avoid a Wasted Life

Many soul winners forget that the person won to Christ should be instructed in Christian living so he will not come before Christ in judgment with a wasted life (I Cor. 3:9-17).

The new convert should publicly confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33, Rom. 10:9). He should line up with a spiritual church (Acts 2:47). He should work for Jesus (Eph. 2:10). He should worship God. (Rev. 19:4, 10). He should honor the Lord by supporting His work financially (II Cor. 8, 9). He should be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). He should study the Word of God (II Tim. 2:15). He should win others to Christ (Matt. 4:19). He should pray (I Thess. 5:17). He should be happy (I Thess. 5:16). And, he should put Jesus first always (Matt. 10, Luke 14). Doxology!

### Every Way Possible

Throughout my ministry I have believed the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ important enough that it should be gotten out in every way possible. I preach it. I talk it. I tell it. I give out Gospel tracts. I write letters to lost people. I use doggers and posters. I use post cards. I have used church papers. So, I am thoroughly in line in telling you to subscribe to THE SWORD of the LORD. It has three full-length sermons each week. They are great Gospel sermons. They present Christ. They are against sin and for righteousness. They point to the Christian life. They make for Heaven and against Hell.

Don't put your hand against getting out the Gospel in every way possible. Lost people go to Hell. People need the Gospel. You would have to buy ten books of sermons at \$2 each—\$20 total, to get the sermons you get for \$2 a year in THE SWORD.

### Anti-Christ

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists;

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you give when you give THE SWORD of the LORD. Every week the postman will be better than a Santa Claus bringing the spiritual blessings of THE SWORD, and a reminder of your thoughtfulness. A letter this morning says, "Please let me know who gave me this gift so I may thank them." (But we'll tell them with the Christmas gift greeting card sent to arrive at Christmas.) Many gifts do not last. A cake or ham is eaten. A dolly is soon broken. The Christmas tree itself is soon taken down and hauled away; but how acceptable are the Christmas gifts that last all the year, like a subscription to THE SWORD of the LORD!

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whereby we know that it is the last time. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."—I John 2:18, 22.

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."—II John 7.

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan

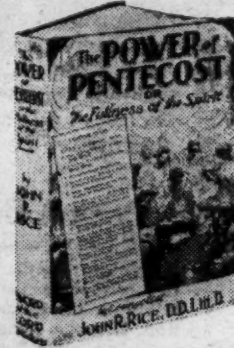
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"We will not have this man to reign over us" (Luke 19:14). In these words as given by Jesus in a parable we have the constitution and the declaration of independence by the anti-Christ club within the church and without. Read Luke 19:1-27. We have members of this clique with us today.

God had promised to bless Israel:

"Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and

in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."—Gen. 12:1-3.

"Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all

my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Shinar. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee: Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."—Isa. 49:8-16.

God had not promised to bless as such the cliques of the Pharisees, Herodians, Sadducees, scribes and others. Why were these in cliques? Because they wanted their ways as against the ways of God. This landed them in the anti-Christ camp.

God promises today to bless His redeemed child, and His faithful body (church); but He does not promise to bless philosophical societies, social clubs and such like.

Jesus tells how to get workers: "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into

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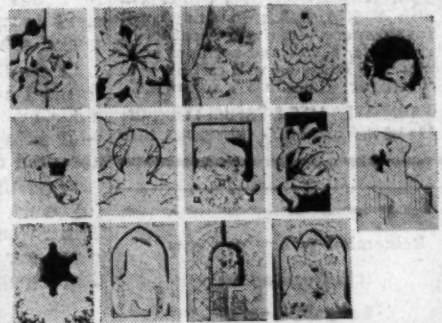


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his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Those are His workers for His work. We pray for nearly everything except laborers in His vineyard. We cannot "politic" and "connive" to get our friends in, or our clique in, if we really pray. Maybe that is a big reason we do not pray. We substitute our ways for His ways!

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note how men brought men to Christ. See Jesus winning a woman in John 4, and then she wins others. However, sad it is today—most professed Christians are so busy with temporal affairs they cannot win souls to Christ. Others attend meetings, one upon another, and have no time for Christ's way. Some make soup rather than searching for souls. Some people think they have solved the Jesus issue by putting and keeping Him out of their affairs.

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## Why Jesus Came

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Many of us know tonight from bitterest experience the slavery of sin; the slavery, e.g., of intemperance, or the slavery of lust, or the slavery of the greed for gold, or the slavery of a bad temper, or the slavery of an unruly tongue, or the slavery of a mean disposition, or the slavery of unclean thoughts. Yes, we have all known something about the bondage of sin, but listen to what Jesus Christ says two verses further on, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Saviour who died on Calvary's Cross to make pardon possible, rose from the dead, and is today a living Saviour, and has "all power in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:19) and is therefore able to save to the uttermost, not merely from the uttermost but to the uttermost all those who come unto God through Him (Heb. 7:25); and He saves us from all the slavery of sin. He saves us from sin's power as well as from sin's guilt. That is what He came to do; that is what He does do.

Paul, who wrote the words of my text, knew from personal experience the power of Christ Jesus to save not merely from the guilt of sin but to save from the power of sin as well. Paul had known the bondage of sin, the awful, grinding slavery of sin. He gives us a leaf from his autobiography in the seventh chapter of Romans. He tells us of how he had found the law of God, and how earnestly he had tried to keep it, and how utterly he had failed. He had tried to break away from sin. The struggle as described in Romans seven was a hard one, a determined one, but it resulted in utter failure. Paul tells us that the more he tried to break away from sin the more helpless he found himself until at last, in utter despair, he cried, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death?" He seemed to himself like one chained forever to the "dead," stinking "body" of sin, but when he cried, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" he got his answer at once. You will find the answer in the next verse, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:24, 25).

Christ Jesus came into the world in behalf of sinners. He came to save sinners. He came to save them from the guilt and penalty and power of sin. He does save from the guilt and penalty and power of sin whoever comes to Him and puts his trust in Him.

He will save any sinner who will believe on Him, who will just put their case in His hands. He will save them right now. He will not save anyone who will not come to Him and come as a sinner, but He will save, at once, freely, and fully and forever, every man, woman, and child who will come to Him and confess that they are sinners and put their trust in Him as their Saviour from the guilt and power of sin. He will save them freely, fully, and forever. Will you let Him save you? If any man, woman, or child, goes out of this building tonight unsaved, you will have no one to blame but yourself. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Let Him save you right now.

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Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor  
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